

Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program – New Participants for 2013

Manufacturers who do not currently participate in the Coverage Gap Discount Program (Discount Program) and wish to participate in the Discount Program beginning with the 2013 calendar year must submit a signed Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program Agreement and Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program Data Agreement (Agreements) to CMS by January 30, 2012.

Manufacturers currently participating in the Discount Program for 2011 or 2012 do not need to re-apply to continue participation for 2013.

To begin the contracting process, manufacturers must first obtain a pending contract “P” number by completing the following steps:

- By October 14, 2011, submit the following information via email to CGDPandManufacturers@cms.hhs.gov :
 - Manufacturer Name
 - DUNs Number
 - Primary Contact First and Last Name
 - Primary Contact Email Address
- The subject line of the email should read “[manufacturer name] Request for P Number”.

CMS will process the 2013 Agreements, including electronic signature of the Agreements, through CMS’ Health Plan Management System (HPMS) system. Once CMS receives the Request for P Number email, the primary contact will receive an email containing the pending contract “P” number and the instructions to obtain access to HPMS.

Manufacturers’ Primary Contacts and those persons with authority to enter into contracts with CMS on behalf of the manufacturer must have access to HPMS to complete the contracting process.

The 2013 model agreements will be available on the CMS website in the late Fall. Once your organization has access to HPMS and completes the labeler code information, the person identified with authority to enter into the Agreements will be allowed to electronically sign the documents beginning late December up until the January 30, 2012 deadline.

Any questions regarding the 2013 Agreements should be sent via email to CGDPandManufacturers@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the Discount Program.

Note: These instructions do not apply to any manufacturers currently participating in the 2011 or 2012 Coverage Gap Discount Program.